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\$675,000 LIABILITIES.

John E. Franklin, until six weeks ago president of the Bankers' Trust Company, has turned over for liquidation all of his assets to a committee representing his creditors, and last Thursday departed for his home in Colorado Springs. E. H. Angert, of the law firm of Jones, Hocker, Hawes & Angert, representing the creditors, Thursday said he thought the assets would be liquidated without appreciable loss to any one of the twenty-five banks with which Franklin had loans.

John A. Hope, Franklin's personal attorney, told a reporter for the St. Louis Times he could not give definitely the total of Franklin's indirect obligations, such as note endorsements, but they would run as high as \$500,000. His direct obligations are \$675,000 additional. The indirect obligations, Hope said, were incurred through Franklin's land sales on partial payment plans, the notes taken as part payment being endorsed by Franklin and sold to various banks. These notes, Hope said, were backed by deeds of trust on the land sold.

The assets will pay all debts and leave Franklin a fortune, Hope continued, as the Pemiscot county property is easily worth \$1,350,000, subject to a mortgage of \$140,000 not included in the \$675,000 direct obligations; a ranch at Corpus Christi is worth \$425,000, also subject to a \$100,000 mortgage not included in the direct obligations; the entire stock of the Mississippi Valley Railway, worth \$270,000, subject to bonds of \$90,000, and the entire town and buildings of Tyler, Mo., with 500 inhabitants.

Hope said the property of the Franklin Land & Development Company, acquired as bonuses, and land grants for the San Antonio, Uvalde & Gulf Railroad, had been recently turned over to the Bankers' Trust Company by Franklin as trustee, to whom the property was deeded. This, Hope said, eliminated \$100,000 indirect obligations, because the land will have to be sold before Franklin's endorsement can be held due under the arrangement with the Bankers' Trust.

The committee met Wednesday morning in the offices of the attorneys, in the Third National Bank Building, and agreed on a circular letter to Franklin's creditors, apprising them of his financial condition and requesting that claims against him be turned over to the committee to be handled as the committee deemed to the best interests of all creditors.—Thursday's St. Louis Times.

Invited to a "Banquet."

The Baptist Sunday School extended an invitation for the devil to attend their "banquet" last week, if they invited old Chameleon, as he says they did. By the way, who is the gentleman who for the past several years has been driving some of the best membership away from the Baptist church and who, on his account, remain away? It is a pity that he and Old Chameleon cannot "banquet" enough during the week days when they are plotting against their neighbors. We would like to see a Baptist Sunday School "banquet"—just to see what they look like. Perhaps this was just a little slip and the two gentlemen were thinking about their high jinks, drunken disorderlies and poker-playing midnight revelries.

Mrs. Della Glass, who was employed by the family of Dr. F. A. Mayes as a cook, happened to a very painful accident Thursday morning, by being bitten by a female bull dog, the property of Mr. and Mrs. John LaGrand. Mrs. Glass had gone to the LaGrand home to see the pups, and the female dog attacked her from behind, painfully lacerating the lower limbs.

J. W. Smith, publisher and editor of the Holland Advertiser was in Hayti Saturday, and seemed to enjoy being with his old friends.

NEW COURT HOUSE.

The Record most heartily congratulates the people of New Madrid county on the final settlement of the question as to the permanent location of the county seat and the erection of a decent court house and jail, and the energy and money that has been diverted in that fight will hereafter be expended in developing our agricultural resources. The time has come when there is no longer any rivalry between New Madrid and Lilbourn as to which shall have the court house, and good sense dictates that the people of both towns should get together in promoting the prosperity of our whole county.

As a matter of fact, the location of the county seat is unimportant, except as an honor. There is no instance known where the honor has ever built up a town or given it much advantage over its rivals. It is, however, a fine advertisement for a trading point that the inhabitants may use to splendid advantage, if they will. New Madrid's growth and development has been hampered by the long and bitter contest with Lilbourn, and investors have been made timid, notwithstanding the prominence of this city in the Mississippi valley for 125 years and its place in early history under the French and Spaniards. The cloud upon our future is now dispelled and our town has again taken its place as one of the most important towns on the Mississippi river.

The city of Lilbourn is a fine place and has a bunch of the most active and progressive business men in Southeast Missouri. They made a long and gallant fight for the county seat under adverse conditions, and would have won if such a thing had been possible. They never lost heart or admitted for a moment that they might not win. Everything was done to capture the prize.

The Supreme Court has decided the bonds valid and the fight is over.—New Madrid Record.

Lee W. Rood Resigns.

Lee W. Rood, who has been cashier of the Peoples Bank at Caruthersville for the past nine years, or since its organization, has tendered his resignation, and Jas. J. Long, who has been assistant cashier has been promoted to his place. The change was made on account of the county financial trouble, Mr. Rood being one of the bondsmen for the defunct Pemiscot County Bank. In a statement by the officers and directors of the bank they pay the retiring cashier a high tribute and say they have full confidence in his integrity and ability, and that the fact being on the bond in no wise weakened the bank or their confidence in him, but on account of common talk and reports circulated throughout the county, it was felt best for all concerned for Mr. Rood to sever his connection with the bank, and Mr. Rood was in sympathy with the officers and directors for the best interests of the institution he had been with so long.

Ivy Williams was called suddenly to Memphis last Saturday by the serious illness of his sister-in-law, Mrs. V. V. Williams of Houston, Texas, who underwent an operation in St. Joseph's Hospital in Memphis several weeks ago. She is still in a very critical condition.—Caruthersville Republican.

Esq. S. W. Laws of Linda, was here Friday and Saturday, visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. P. Meatte, and while here he advanced his subscription one year. He says he derives a great deal of pleasure from the Herald, and hopes to take it as long as he lives.

Various Oates went over to Caruthersville Friday to see the hydroplane flight.

That \$700 would be a big help to McElheny now.

MAN WAS INNOCENT.

Washington, July 7.—A case of two men serving sentences for the same crime was revealed when President Wilson signed a commutation which will open the doors of Leavenworth penitentiary to Samuel Coltrane, doing life sentence there for a murder for which a prisoner in the Oklahoma State penitentiary has been sentenced.

Coltrane has been confined for more than 10 years for the crime which a jury decided last September Tom Watson, now in an Oklahoma penitentiary, committed. He had been in Leavenworth since 1907, when he was convicted, but was in jail also for nearly four years previously awaiting trial.

The crime was the killing of Cicero Coltrane, a cousin of Sam, who had leased a farm near Hochatown, Okla., and had Sam and Tom Watson and the latter's wife with him as helpers. Cicero was killed by a shot from a double barreled gun May 22, 1903, and buried in a nearby field.

Harry Saunders, a witness who could not be found for the Coltrane trial, testified in the Watson trial that he and his father, passing the Coltrane house, heard two quick shots. A few minutes before they had met Sam Coltrane more than half a mile from the house going in the opposite direction from them and with a double barreled gun.

Evidence also was introduced to show that Watson resented attentions paid to his wife by Cicero Coltrane.

George A. Lamb.

George A. Lamb, our present county treasurer, is a candidate for election to the office by the vote of the people. He is now holding the office by appointment, filling out the unexpired term of Albert Bigham, who resigned, which term does not expire until 1916, but feeling that some dissatisfaction might arise Mr. Lamb has thought it best to submit his cause to the people at the present election.

Mr. Lamb is too well and favorably known to the people of Pemiscot county to need any introduction from us. We would like to say this for him, however: He is one of our most accommodating county officials, and the very fact that he has no opponent, democrat or republican, is ample evidence that he is conducting the important office of treasurer to the satisfaction of the general public.

Only a Mistake.

In a small local last week in the Herald we made it appear that Dr. Hendrix of Caruthersville was a married man. The item was handed to us, we presume with good intentions, and we did not know until later, when we received a letter from a friend in Caruthersville telling us of the mistake, that the doctor was not married. We believe our friend called our attention to the fact also that Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wahl have no children, which is another mistake we have made, but it was unavoidable. Mistakes of this kind are not infrequent with all newspapers, and people giving news should be very particular.

Chas. Reed returned last week from an extended stay in the Ozark mountains in Arkansas, where he had been sojourning for the benefit of his health. His principal stopping places were Heber Springs and Eureka Springs, and he says at Eureka Springs the cool mountain air is delightful. He seems much improved.

Francis Baird has purchased the Chas. Goodrich automobile. Now, if Francis will not undertake to keep up with his brother, Toad, he may defer the necessity of his family collecting his life insurance for many years.

A NEW DECISION.

Hundreds of judgments on special tax bills, obtained through suits brought in the county in which the assessed property is, instead of in the county where the owner resides, as well as hundreds of similar suits pending in St. Louis, St. Louis county and other parts of Missouri, are invalidated by a decision handed down by the St. Louis Court of Appeals.

The decision was in three suits filed in Clayton against A. H. Handlan and others residing in St. Louis to collect special taxes levied for sewer work on property belonging to them in Kirkwood.

Circuit Judges Wurdeman and McElhinney at Clayton decided the suits against the defendants, who took the case to the St. Louis Court of Appeals, where it was reversed by an opinion written by Judge Allen. The amount of the bills was about \$2,000.

The defense contended that suits to collect special tax bills should be brought in the county where the owner resides. The practice has been to sue where the property is situated and send the writ to the sheriff of the county where the owner resides for service.

The Court of Appeals sustained the defense and unanimously has overruled a motion for a rehearing, also a motion to transfer the case to the Supreme Court at Jefferson City.—St. Louis Times.

Primary Ticket.

The ticket for the primary election, August 4, will be found advertised on page six.

An Inhuman Crime.

One of the most revolting cases ever tried in the local courts was that of the State vs. Charles Jones, wherein Jones is charged with having committed a rape on the person of his 10-year-old step-daughter, Sarah Adams. The first assault is alleged to have been committed some three weeks ago and to have been repeated only three or four days ago. It is an impossibility for the Democrat to print the revolting evidence brought out at the hearing, suffice to say that two physicians who examined the child gave as their evidence that the little girl had undoubtedly been assaulted. At the conclusion of the evidence Justice Burrus held the accused without bond to the circuit court. Charles Jones, the accused, is well-known about town, he having run a dray wagon here for years, and is now engaged in farming near this city, and at the time of the alleged assault was living with the child's mother on the East side. And right here the Democrat wishes to remark that it is not conducive to the morals of the coming generation to allow them to crowd into the court room and drink in the evidence in cases of this kind. There were ten or fifteen boys, ranging in age from 12 to 15 years, in the court room yesterday during this trial that should have been spanked and sent home.—Caruthersville Democrat.

Ben Phillips, Tom Lewis and D. H. Gates of Braggadocio and F. M. Perkins of this city went up to Wolf Bayou fishing on Wednesday of last week, and camped out that night. They report a good time, but say the water is so warm the fish are not biting to any extent.

Dr. M. H. Hudgins of Caruthersville, is a delegate to the Elks' National Convention at Denver, Colorado, this week.

Judge W. A. Green was called to Juno, Tenn., last week, on account of the illness of his mother.

DR. PALMORE DEAD.

All Missourians, and especially the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, mourn the death at Richmond, Va., of Rev. W. B. Palmore, D. D., the owner and publisher of the St. Louis Christian Advocate, one of the most prominent clergymen in the United States, last Sunday morning. He was a native of Tennessee, and was one of the most distinguished Missourians for many years. He was a gallant confederate soldier, under Gen. Marmaduke, and served faithfully till the flag was furled in defeat in 1865. He became a minister of his church, and being a gentleman of wealth, soon became a traveler, the world over. He became the owner of 90 per cent of the stock of the Christian Advocate and as its editor visited all countries, and his letters to his paper made it the most noted of religious papers, while Rev. C. C. Wood had charge of its home department. He entered the lecture field, and his stories of his travels, instructed and amused millions of people. He had a large income, which he spent with a liberal hand for his church. He surpassed every writer and lecturer in his description of Palestine and the scenes described in the Bible. Among his last stories of adventure, was that of his experience in entering the tomb of Aaron (the brother of Moses) on Mount Hor, which is held by the Mohammedans, to which no one is admitted. He was buried at Malta Bend, Mo., last Tuesday, by the side of his mother. He gave his church \$50,000 in his will.—New Madrid Record.

A Narrow Escape.

Tuesday afternoon while backing an auto out of the Riverside Garage Will Clevidence was run into by a Frisco train and was bumped along the track some 25 or 30 feet before the train could be brought to a stop. The garage is just north of the tracks of the railroad, and as Clevidence backed out he turned the machine toward the crossing and was on the track before he noticed the approaching train, which was also backing. Clevidence retained his presence of mind and kept control of the machine until the train could be stopped, thereby possibly saving himself from serious injury. As it was, he escaped. The machine, belonging to Charles Shields, was damaged about \$100.—Caruthersville Democrat.

Since I. Kohn and his bunch have had so much pleasure and fun on account of Old Walker and his "Critic" being here during the past twelve months, they can certainly afford to raise the \$700 necessary to keep him here another year. Before Walker came we assured Kohn that we would give him more free advertising than he ever paid for in his life, and we made our word good, and we are still very much in the ring and can furnish plenty of amusement for another year. Surely Kohn will not let this opportunity pass to get a lot of free advertising and at the same time furnish the town with some much needed amusement. If Kohn don't want to put up the full amount he can likely induce Barkovitz and others to take stock with him. It will be too bad for Kohn to desert the Allens this late in the game.

Harry Henderson and family of Concord came down in their new automobile Friday night, to see the pictures at the Dorris Theatre. Harry is now the owner of a new Cadillac, and, we understand, one of the best cars in the county.

Perhaps the next person to take a \$700 mortgage on Walker's gold brick will secure the signature of all the "owners."

ILLEGAL VOTING.

Oklahoma City, July 8.—An elector who votes, or attempts to vote, in the primary elections of any party other than that of which he is a member, runs the risk of being prosecuted for a felony, disfranchised for ten years and given a penitentiary sentence of not more than three years, according to laws cited by Judge Thomas H. Doyle, of the Criminal Court of Appeals, in an opinion Tuesday affirming a ninety-day jail sentence imposed upon Joe Bell, a negro, who was convicted for attempting to cast an illegal ballot.

In the primary election of 1912 Bell presented himself to vote in precinct two of Lincoln township in Seminole county, but failed to stand the test applied by election officers, as provided in the grandfather clause of the constitution. Despite his disqualifications, Bell continued his attempt to vote and demanded a ballot.

The election officials, who denied him the right to vote, were prosecuted in Federal Court for enforcing the "grandfather" clause and in his testimony given before a United States commissioner, Bell testified that he had been in the State only ten months at the time he attempted to vote. The constitution requires one year before he is a qualified elector.

Bell was prosecuted in the County Court of Seminole county on a charge of attempting to cast an illegal ballot, for the reason that he was not a qualified voter. His admission that he had been in the State only ten months at the time he demanded a ballot after being disqualified under the "grandfather" clause, furnished the basis of the prosecution against him on the charge of attempting to cast an illegal ballot.

In disposing of the case, Judge Doyle calls attention to the election law passed by the last Legislature, which makes illegal voting a felony, and he holds that in the meaning of the law it is illegal for a member of one party to vote, or attempt to vote, in the primary election of another party.

The opinion is regarded as of unusual importance at this particular time, inasmuch as it has been charged that an attempt would be made in the coming primary for members of one party to vote with another. If this is done it will constitute a felony, according to Judge Doyle.

C. P. Hawkins Withdraws.

Senator C. P. Hawkins of Kennett attended to legal business in this city Saturday, and while here took occasion to see many of his friends. Senator Hawkins has withdrawn from the race as a candidate for congress from this district, leaving the contest up to Ward, Russell and Harty. Senator Hawkins gave as his reason that he had invested heavily in farming and the prospects for crops being so unfavorable he would have to confine himself pretty close to his home interests, and also that the time for making a thorough campaign was entirely too short.

Miss Bessie Patterson of Caruthersville and Robert Bruce of Campbell, were quietly married Saturday night in Caruthersville. Miss Bessie is the beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Patterson and a sister to Louis Patterson of this city. Mr. Bruce is the son of Rev. Bruce of Tyler and holds a good position with the ice and light plant at Campbell. They left Sunday for Campbell where they expect to make their home.

Jas. W. Gaither, the Carleton farmer and merchant, was in town Saturday, and informed us that he would shortly move to town. Mr. Gaither owns one of the best homes in our city.

Mrs. J. S. Wahl and niece, Miss Dorothy Pate, of Caruthersville, are spending the summer at Eureka Springs, Ark.